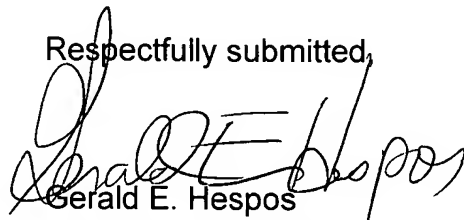


## REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency that had existed in several of the claims and to cancel several of the claims that were considered to be redundant or unnecessary. Consideration of the amended claims is requested.

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